

April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Prom, preparing for the future and well being

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. The purpose of this letter is to further update you on several items, namely the Year 11 Prom, the importance of continued learning and preparing for your next steps and finally how you can establish a healthy well being.

We are committed to the safety and well-being of everyone in our community in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been following and will continue to follow the direction and recommendations of public health agencies and local authorities. In alignment with the current status and in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, with deep regret we can confirm that the Y11 Prom originally scheduled for June will not take place.

In what has been a continually evolving and challenging time globally, we recognise that this decision will come as a disappointment. I know that year 11 have worked incredibly hard and will have been looking forward to the Prom. I am painfully aware that, as a year group, they are experiencing a very different process to mark the end of their secondary schooling. We hope they enjoyed the leavers assembly and farewells with their leavers hoodies. We continue to do our best given the circumstances and I am deeply saddened in having to cancel this last function. We will review whether an alternative is feasible at a later date.

I know that the continuing situation regarding lockdown, awarding of grades and progression to post 16 education in every form will be causing some of you concern. As part of your preparation for the next steps we have recently sent out [guidance for work and activities](#) you can complete at home to help prepare you for your post 16 education. Whatever pathway you are on, A levels, apprenticeships or other courses, I would urge you to look at the material and pick some activities to complete. This will ensure your transition into year 12 will be a smooth one.

In addition to the material helping to prepare you for next year, we have also provided material to support your wellbeing at this difficult time. This is available on the school smart portal under 'My Apps' and '[wellbeing](#)'. I would urge you to look there for support for parents and carers as well as students. We remain committed to supporting our year 11 over the coming half term.

I have recently come across a set of tasks that promotes open mindedness, a love for learning outside the classroom and strengthens interview/application success. I have included all these resources on the following webpage [Year 11 Activities Summer Term 2020](#) . There are several subject activity grids and a future planning grids. These grids take one of two formats. Either a 'getting ready for life' grid which looks at getting your first flat, job hunting and general life skills or academic subject grids that link to short punchy tasks around that subject. Some of the videos are really thought provoking. These would definitely widen your outlook on life and the subject and be a good use of your time.

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It has been my pleasure and my privilege to work with this year group across the last three years and I wish you all the best in your next steps. We appreciate your patience and understanding in these unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Holt', with a light blue circular highlight around it.

G Holt
Director of Learning Year 10 & 11